

GPCA Coordinating Committee Agenda

Monday, November 9, 2020 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM

Approved at CC meeting Dec. 8th

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 19 CC committee members. This mean quorum is a simple majority of 10. Doug Barnett, David Bond, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel (alt. female co-co), Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton (female Co-co), Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

PRESENT: June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit

LATE and IN ATTENDANCE Doug Barnett 7:55pm - David Bond 8:01

ABSEN Nassim Nouri, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Quorum established

(2) Roles (2 minutes): Facilitator: Notetaker: Timekeeper: Vibes-watcher:

Facilitator: Mica - Notetaker: Eric - Time: Karen - Vibes: Barry Hermanson

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes) Late items:

(3A) Late Items: Items 8 and 9 below.

Approved by consensus

(4) Approval of October 2020 CC minutes (2 minutes) As posted by Mimi Newton on October 18, 2020

Approved by consensus

(5) Consent Items (5 minutes)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented prior to the actual meeting. Any item may be objected to and that item will be placed at the end of the evening's agenda.

PROPOSAL: Accept the following committee reports for inclusion into the meeting minutes:

FINANCE COMMITTEE Appendix A

CLEARINGHOUSE & GROW Appendix B

Approved by consensus

(06) Action Items update: (5 minutes)

Update on GA: Tarik Kanaana

(07) Subject: Decision Item: Nomination of GPCA Treasurer (15 min)

Sponsors: Mimi Newton, Marin County, and Maxine Daniel, San Joaquin County

Background and Purpose:

Our current Treasurer, Rusal Cayangyang, wants to resign by around the end of this year. Several of us have been looking for someone to replace him, and hopefully within a few days after the November 3rd election, we'll be able to get "final confirmation" from one current prospect that he will in fact be able to take on the job.

If so, then per our bylaws, the Coordinating Committee must formally nominate the prospect so he can then be confirmed by the GA, or SGA. This agenda item is so the Coordinating Committee can make that nomination at our November 9th meeting, following formal acceptance by the current prospect, to apply for GPCA Treasurer. The CC will be notified just as soon as this acceptance formally happens, including background info about the prospect. Given that Rusal and the prospective new Treasurer nominee are both working on November 3rd election campaigns, it wasn't possible for this to be fully confirmed until after Tuesday's election.

Proposal: That the Coordinating Committee formally nominate Justin Richardson so he can then be confirmed by the GA, or SGA.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Formal nomination on Nov. 9, 2020, to be confirmed by GA or SGA.

Approved by consensus to send the appointment of Justin Richardson as GPCA Treasurer to the next General Assembly or the next Standing General Assembly for approval.

NOTE: Eric: Appointment must be approved at the Nov '20 GA or will be late.

References: Bylaws Section 4-6 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the duties and responsibilities as defined in the Fiscal Policy. The term of the Treasurer shall be two years, beginning in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the Coordinating Committee and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Coordinating Committee members are not eligible to serve as Treasurer. The Coordinating Committee shall immediately fill any vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, subject to confirmation by the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Justin's information is in Appendix D.

(8) LATE AGENDA ITEM: Discussion re: Jared Laiti's Nov. 9 email re: a letter from a Fremont resident with ideas regarding an alliance of third parties and

whether we want to follow up.

Mica will follow up with Jared to get letter forwarded to the CC.

(9) LATE Item added during meeting Discussion Secretary of State Liaison Position, and when current term expires so that we can appoint or reappoint liaison in a timely manner. (June Brashares) (15 min)

Tarik/Mimi: May 19, 2019 was last appointment. New appointment must be made by the GA/SGA by May 19, 2021.

Mica will ask Jared about reappointment.

APPENDICES:

APPENDIX A FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMM. MTG. Saturday, October 17, 2020, 6 PM to 7:30 PM

(1) Roll call: Mica Daniel, CC Liaison, Rusal Cayangyang, Treasurer, F. Lambert, J. Schmidt, David Bond.

(2) Approval of the Agenda: Approved by consensus

(3) Approval of Minutes: As posted to GPCA CC on October 2020, at 6:01 pm by Mica Daniel
See Appendix A
Approved by consensus

(4) Please review the 2020 schedule and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: [Political Party Committees](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html)
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NEXT FILINGS:

OCTOBER 15 – 24, 2020

Filing in process.

DECEMBER END OF YEAR FILING

(5) October Treasurer Report

Travis Credit Union state acct \$10,455.25

Travis Credit Union federal acct: \$1,601.07

Main PayPal \$498.01

Old PayPal \$215.74

Expenses:

\$100 Liquid Web Wired Tree

\$10.45 Call Centric

\$200 Treasurer Stipend

(6) Finance Discussion: What can we do to support the Treasurer and reduce the hours he has to spend getting the forms completed and filed? (30 minutes)

Doing the budget discussion, we did budget for using Direct File to help to assist the Treasurer duties. So, we could implement that resource for a less experienced Treasurer and/or cut down on the time that he has to spend to get our filing in on time.

David Bond said he had IT skills that he could volunteer for depending on the workload. We are committed to building a team to work with the Treasurer to get the work done.

(7) Date and time of next meeting:

November 28, 2020, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

APPENDIX B - Clearinghouse and GROW Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 7:30pm

1. **Roll Call** - Clearinghouse: Mica Daniel SJC, Nassim Nouri SCC (notes)
GROW: Laura Wells (AC), John Schmidt (SC), Rick Greenblatt (SDC), Barry Hermanson (SFC), Christine Pepin (SCC), Richard Gomez (FC)
2. **Roles** - Laura (facilitator), Nassim SCC (notes), Christine (timekeeper)
3. **Build and approve agenda** – no additions
 - Barry asked if the GA agenda had any flexibility to possibly add a discussion section on using Medicare for all as an issue of engagement and Laura noted that many of the ‘how to grow GPCA’ discussion items could include that, and there’s flexibility in those GA discussions.
4. **Clearinghouse reports**
 - Nassim reported on CH work: GPCA email blasts are going out weekly or nearly weekly, mostly focused on GOTV and call to action to support GPCA candidates, small donations are coming in with these blasts but mostly we are getting great questions and inquiries about GPCA positions on CA props. Two callers asked about GPCA position to be posted on their websites. SCC has been distributing our county and state voter guide.
 - No decision items for CH.
5. **November 3 election dates:**
 - October 19 is the last date to register online, or to have a mail-in registration postmarked
 - Online registration link is <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
 - To check your party affiliation & address go to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
 - October 26, a week ahead of the election, is a good date mail ballots by.
 - Richard asked about the GOP's ‘fake ballot boxes’ in LA. Fresno, Orange Counties. All commented on the current status of CA Secretary of State’s response. See NYT article: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/12/us/politics/california-gop-drop-boxes.html>
 - Reports from counties on GOTV:
 - GPAC - voter guide and the online events
 - GPFC - a lot of complaints about not voting for Biden, working on recruiting more organizers
 - GPSDC - mainly H2O and ballot prop outreach to registered Greens, phone banked 500
 - GPSFC - voter guide and mailings to registered Greens, bike signs and some good convos
 - GPSJC – meeting and reaching out by email blasts to registered Greens, phone bank
 - GPSCC – mostly Jake campaign outreach, email to 3100 reg. Greens, SM & phone bank

- GPSC – all online outreach through social media

6. **GPCA's General Assembly** will be via zoom the weekend of November 21-22. The draft agenda (now being voted on by the state CC/Coordinating Committee) is below. Registration starts soon. Let's discuss!

- Laura noted that the vast majority of voters still believe the heavily pushed idea that voting "third party" is a wasted vote and/or a spoiler vote. Knowing that we've tried for decades to convince them otherwise, and it hasn't worked, she wondered, what then do we do.

- Richard mentioned half of eligible voters do NOT vote, so we need to speak to those and keep plugging away. Richard was a guest at Central Valley Talk program, see YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnY6AfhFteo&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1D21thFvgjo8A_BorlbE7GRq259WN2NnkZQGYGN0EEsxUOqTfwlBYFB-M

- Barry asked when WILL it be the right time to vote FOR a candidate, if not now? This is the time for people to step up and if they do want democracy to push for Ranked Choice Voting. <https://sfbayview.com/2020/10/voting-against-not-for-a-candidate/>

- Nassim shared an article about 'triangulation' by Richard Moser, describing the history and strategy of defeating the progressive voice of the Green Party. <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/08/21/still-triangulating-after-all-these-years/>

7. **Confirm next second Tuesday conference call**, November 10, seven days after the election. Laura will be traveling but will try to attend.

8. **Adjourn** at 8:40

Appendix C

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – November 2020

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: Nov. 9, 2020
Submitted By: Mimi Newton on behalf of James Lauderdale, Co-Co ByLaws Committee
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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:
Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:15 pm (there was no October meeting).
Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday, December 13, at 12:30 pm
Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

A. We have been reviewing Nassim's recommended revisions to the CC's internal procedures for updating; There is general agreement with the changes that Nassim made to the Internal Procedures. Some stylistic but no substantive changes were made. We will work on recommendations to the CC at the December meeting.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. Continued effort to ensure Bylaws on GPCA Website are up to date.

APPENDIX D - Justin Richardson's application to be nominated as Treasurer of the GPCA

Hi Mimi and Mica,

As you may be aware, I have been considering the possibility of serving as treasurer for GPCA as the present treasurer is planning to resign at the end of this term. Please see below statement of interest. I am aware that the treasurer nomination is on the agenda for tomorrow's CC meeting, to be approved at a future date (likely via SGA vote). I also understand that should I be approved to be treasurer, bylaws dictate that I would need to resign my position on the CC. Let me know if there is anything further you need from me at this time to satisfy decision-making processes.

Brief Bio and Statement of Interest for GPCA Treasurer Position, 2021-2023

During the 2020 election cycle, I served as treasurer for Aidan Hill for Berkeley Mayor. In 2018, I was treasurer for Laura Wells for Congress and Aidan Hill for City Council. In each campaign I successfully executed administrative duties as prescribed by the various local, state and federal regulations.

I presently serve (since 2017) on the County Council of Alameda County and function as a delegate at biannual General Assemblies of the Green Party of California (GPCA). I am a member of the GPCA Coordinating Committee. I was elected in 2018 and 2020 to serve as a California alternate delegate to GPUS. I am also a member of the GPUS Animal Rights Committee.

Before moving to California in 2012, I was Wisconsin State Coordinator for the Nader/Gonzalez 2008 presidential campaign and president of WORT Community Radio (Pacifica affiliate) Board of Directors.

Recognizing that a thriving Green Party needs steady administrative support as well as strong candidates, I am interested and enthusiastic to assist the GPCA in the role of treasurer and accompanying committee responsibilities. Thank you for reading and considering.

Justin Richardson
Oakland, CA

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